



**“The **semi-demand** method of feeding combines the use of **nonnutritive sucking** to promote **awake behavior** for feeding, use of behavioral assessment to identify readiness for feeding, and **systematic observation** of and response to infant behavior cues to regulate frequency, length, and volume of oral feedings.”**

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